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SUBJECT: FUKUDA VISIT: CORRECTED TEXT OF PRESS GUIDELINES

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1. FOLOWING IS CORRECTED TEXT OF GUIDELINES USED BY
WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN IN BRIEFING PRESS FOLLOWING
PRESIDENT CARTER'S MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA ON
MAY 3. ADDRESSEES WILL NOTE THE CORRECTION IN THE LAST
SUB-PARA OF PARA 5 (WORLD ECONOMY) WHERE THE PRESIDENT
UNDERLINED THE IMPORTANCE OF ACHIEVING BASIC EQUITY IN
TRADING RELATIONS BY AFFORDING TO MAJOR TRADING COUNTRIES
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SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT COMPETITIVE OPPORTUNITIES (SECO)
ON A RECIPROCAL BASIS, AND THE PRIME MINISTER REITERATED
JAPAN'S DESIRE TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS OF THE STRAUSS-USHIBA
STATEMENT'S PARA 6 -- WHICH INCLUDE SECO.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

PURPOSE OF VISIT:

-- THE VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA HAS BEEN THE LATEST

IN THE TRADITIONAL SERIES OF PERIODIC TOP-LEVEL

CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN U.S. AND JAPANESE LEADERS; IT HELPS MAINTAIN A CLOSE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE TWO KEY ALLIES. IT IS IN FACT THE FIFTEENTH SUCH MEETING SINCE PRESIDENT EISENHOWER MET PRIME MINISTER KISHI IN 1957.

-- THE PRIME MINISTER AND PRESIDENT CARTER DISCUSSED GLOBAL ECONOMIC ISSUES IN PREPARATION FOR THE BONN SUMMIT AND WAYS THAT BOTH COUNTRIES COULD CONTRIBUTE TO WORLD PEACE AND TO STABILITY IN ASIA.

-- THE VISIT ALSO GAVE THE PRIME MINISTER THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH LEADERS OF CONGRESS ON MATTERS OF CURRENT INTEREST TO BOTH COUNTRIES.

3. SIGNIFICANCE OF VISIT

-- IN THEIR MEETING OF MAY 3, THE PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER WERE ABLE TO RENEW THEIR FRIENDSHIP AND TO ENGAGE IN EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS OF THE WORLD SITUATION.
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THEIR STRAIGHTFORWARD AND FRIENDLY CONVERSATION TYPIFIED THE WARMTH AND TRUST WHICH UNDERLIE THE U.S.-JAPAN PARTNERSHIP. THE VISIT ENHANCED THIS PERSONAL TRUST AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL.

-- IN THE PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER MAJOR EVENTS OF THE PAST YEAR IN US-JAPAN RELATIONS WERE REVIEWED; IT WAS NOTED THAT PERSONAL CONTACT BETWEEN THE TWO LEADERS HAD HELPED SOLVE CONTENTIOUS ISSUES, SUCH AS THE OPENING OF THE EXPERIMENTAL NUCLEAR REPROCESSING FACILITY AT TOKAI MURA, AND HAS FACILITATED PROGRESS IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD, AS EVIDENCED BY THE CONCLUSION OF THE STRAUSS-USHIBA JOINT STATEMENT IN JANUARY. IT WAS AGREED THAT THIS CONTINUING DIALOGUE WOULD BE MAINTAINED, NOT ONLY TO DEAL WITH BILATERAL ISSUES BUT ALSO TO ADDRESS MULTILATERAL PROBLEMS.

-- IN THIS CONTEXT, PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA REAFFIRMED HIS INVITATION TO PRESIDENT CARTER TO VISIT JAPAN. HE WAS DELIGHTED THAT PRESIDENT CARTER AGREED TO VISIT AT A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME.

4. SUMMARY OF THE MEETING

-- THE PRIME MINISTER REVIEWED THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF JAPANESE DIPLOMACY, INCLUDING THE CENTRAL IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO US TIES, JAPAN'S DETERMINATION NOT TO BECOME

A MILITARY POWER, EFFORTS TO BUILD FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ALL NATIONS DESPITE DIFFERING SOCIAL SYSTEMS, AND DETERMINATION TO MAINTAIN THE US-JAPAN SECURITY RELATIONSHIP, WHICH IS A BASIC ELEMENT OF PEACE AND STABILITY IN ASIA.

-- THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO DESCRIBED JAPAN'S POLICIES ON SEVERAL ISSUES INCLUDING ASEAN, THE QUESTION OF AID TO LDC'S, AND THE JAPANESE ROLE IN THE WORLD ECONOMY, ALL UNCLASSIFIED

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OF WHICH REFLECTED A MORE ACTIVE JAPANESE DIPLOMACY.

-- THE PRESIDENT REAFFIRMED THAT THE US WOULD CONTINUE TO SEEK SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS BESETTING THE WORLD ECONOMY IN JOINT EFFORTS WITH THE OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED DEMOCRACIES. IN THIS REGARD, HE UNDERScoreD THE IMPORTANCE THIS ADMINISTRATION ATTACHES TO COOPERATION WITH JAPAN.

-- THERE WAS AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON SEVERAL GEOGRAPHIC AND FUNCTIONAL AREAS, MOST NOTABLY THE ASIAN SITUATION, THE MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA AND WORLD ECONOMIC CONDITIONS.

-- THE PRESIDENT DESCRIBED THE RELATIONSHIP WITH JAPAN AS THE CORNERSTONE OF US POLICY IN ASIA. HE EXPRESSED THE DETERMINATION OF THE US TO MAINTAIN A STRONG POLITICAL, MILITARY AND ECONOMIC PRESENCE IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION, PRESERVE ITS COMMITMENTS TO THE COUNTRIES THERE, CONTRIBUTING THEREBY TO ITS PEACE AND SECURITY. THE PRESIDENT NOTED THAT IT WAS IN THIS SPIRIT THAT VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE WAS TRAVELING TO SOUTHEAST ASIA. PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THIS ACTIVE AMERICAN ROLE.

-- THERE WAS AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS CONCERNING CHINA AND THE SITUATION ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA. IN ADDITION, PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA NOTED THAT JAPAN WOULD BE INCREASING BY \$10 MILLION ITS CONTRIBUTION TO UNHCR FOR INDOCHINA REFUGEE SUPPORT AND WAS PREPARED TO ACCEPT REFUGEES FOR RESETTLEMENT IN JAPAN UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

-- THE PRIME MINISTER HIGHLY VALUED THE UNITED STATES ROLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND EXPRESSED HIS SUPPORT FOR THOSE EFFORTS, SUCCESS OF WHICH IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE. THE UNCLASSIFIED

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PRESIDENT EXPRESSED HIS DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TO SEEK A DURABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

-- THE PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER ALSO EXCHANGED VIEWS ON THE RELATIONS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES WITH THE SOVIET

UNION.

5. WORLD ECONOMY

-- THE PRESIDENT AND THE PRIME MINISTER AGREED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF US AND JAPANESE COOPERATION TO SECURE STABILITY AND PROGRESS IN THE WORLD ECONOMY AND PLEDGED THEIR BEST EFFORTS TO ADOPT MUTUALLY SUPPORTIVE ECONOMIC POLICIES THAT WOULD ASSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE BONN SUMMIT. THEY REAFFIRMED THE GOALS SET FORTH IN THE STRAUSS-USHIBA JOINT STATEMENT IN JANUARY AND AGREED TO EXERT THEIR BEST EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT THOSE GOALS.

-- THE PRIME MINISTER EXPLAINED THE CURRENT CONDITION OF THE JAPANESE ECONOMY. HE REITERATED HIS DETERMINATION TO

ATTAIN THE 7 PERCENT GROWTH OBJECTIVE, TO LIBERALIZE FURTHER JAPAN'S DOMESTIC MARKET, AND TO REDUCE ITS CURRENT ACCOUNT SURPLUS. HE STATED THAT HE IS DOING HIS UTMOST TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS. THE PRESIDENT WELCOMED THESE EFFORTS, EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT SUCH EFFORTS WOULD BE CONTINUED AND THAT THE GOALS WOULD BE REACHED. IN CONNECTION WITH OPENING JAPAN'S MARKET FURTHER, THE PRESIDENT STRESSED EFFECTIVE UTILIZATION OF THE JOINT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE. THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE PRESIDENT DISCUSSED A VARIETY OF SHORT TERM MEASURES DESIGNED TO REDUCE JAPAN'S CURRENT ACCOUNT SURPLUS, IN ADDITION TO THE LONG TERM MEASURES ADDRESSING THE FUNDAMENTALS WHICH JAPAN IS PURSUING.

-- THE PRESIDENT EXPLAINED THAT THE UNITED STATES IS UNCLASSIFIED

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DETERMINED TO PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF THE DOLLAR AND TO DO SO BY ATTACKING THE ROOT CAUSES OF OUR PROBLEMS--BY ADOPTION OF A PROGRAM TO REDUCE OUR DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN OIL; BY A COMPREHENSIVE EFFORT TO COUNTER INFLATION, USING FISCAL RESTRAINT, SEEKING THE COOPERATION OF BUSINESS AND LABOR, AND OTHER MEANS; AND BY A NEW EMPHASIS ON IMPROVING OUR EXPORT PERFORMANCE. IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF EXCHANGE RATES TO THE BROADER ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE US AND JAPAN, THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE PRESIDENT AGREED TO STRENGTHEN THE CONSULTATIVE PROCEDURES BETWEEN THE US AND JAPANESE MONETARY AUTHORITIES. FOR SOME TIME, THE US HAS HAD CONSULTATIONS WITH GERMAN MONETARY AUTHORITIES DAILY. SIMILAR CONSULTATIONS WILL NOW BE USED BY US AND JAPANESE MONETARY AUTHORITIES.

-- THE PRESIDENT AND THE PRIME MINISTER REVIEWED AGENDA ITEMS OF THE UPCOMING BONN SUMMIT, INCLUDING GROWTH, INTERNATIONAL MONETARY POLICY, TRADE, NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES AND ENERGY. THE PRESIDENT STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF SUCCESS-

FUL CONCLUSION TO THE MTN AND THE PRIME MINISTER RE-AFFIRMED JAPAN'S DETERMINATION TO PLAY A LEADING ROLE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. THE PRESIDENT UNDERLINED THE IMPORTANCE OF REACHING OUR JOINT OBJECTIVE IN THE MTN AS AGREED IN THE STRAUSS-USHIBA JOINT STATEMENT, I.E., TO ACHIEVE BASIC EQUITY IN TRADING RELATIONS BY AFFORDING TO MAJOR TRADING COUNTRIES SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT COMPETITIVE OPPORTUNITIES ON A RECIPROCAL BASIS. THE PRIME MINISTER REITERATED JAPAN'S DESIRE TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS IN PARAGRAPH SIX OF THE STRAUSS-USHIBA STATEMENT. WITH REGARD TO RELATIONS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THE PRIME MINISTER EXPRESSED JAPAN'S INTENT TO DOUBLE OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE WITHIN THREE YEARS INSTEAD OF FIVE, TO PURSUE A POLICY

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OF GENERAL AID UNTYING, AND TO INCREASE CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. WITH RESPECT TO ENERGY, THE PRESIDENT AND THE PRIME MINISTER AGREED TO THE IMPORTANCE OF PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY.

6. CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION

THE PRESIDENT AND THE PRIME MINISTER AGREED ON THE NEED TO EXPAND COOPERATION IN THE CULTURAL FIELD. THE PRIME MINISTER INFORMED THE PRESIDENT OF JAPAN'S WILLINGNESS TO SHARE THE COSTS OF THE FULBRIGHT PROGRAM, AND OF JAPAN'S INTENT TO MAKE A DONATION TO THE BOSTON MUSEUM.

WITH RESPECT TO TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION, THE PRESIDENT AND THE PRIME MINISTER AGREED THAT FUSION AND SOLAR ENERGY SOURCES DESERVED PARTICULAR ATTENTION. WITH RESPECT TO FUSION, THE PRIME MINISTER LOOKED FORWARD TO EARLY CONCLUSION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION IN THAT FIELD. THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO SUGGESTED THAT INCREASED COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF PHOTOSYNTHESIS RESEARCH WAS DESIRABLE. THEY AGREED THAT PROSPECTS FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS FOR TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION IN THESE FIELDS WOULD BE TOPICS FOR FURTHER STUDY BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS.

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